

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 19th May 2013

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Amateur Station Licence Examination

Many of the places for the upcoming Amateur Station Licence Examination have already been applied for, so anyone wishing to sit the examination should apply as soon as possible. The examination will be held on Thursday 4 July at 2.00 p.m. in the ComReg offices in Dublin. The examination may be held on that day at other centres where warranted by the number of candidates. Full details, including entry procedure, examination fee and how to pay the fee on line are available at www.irts.ie/exam . There is also an exam button on the home page. Places for the examination are limited and are being allocated on a first come first served basis. Please note that it is necessary to download the application form from the web page and forward the completed form and the appropriate fee in order to secure a place for the examination. If you pay the fee on line you must still complete and forward the application form. The closing date for the receipt of completed applications is Friday 14th June.

IRTS AGM Awards

Here are some of the award winners recently presented at the IRTS AGM in Athlone. Michael Collins Memorial Trophy Exceptional service to the Society or to Amateur Radio Winner: Dave Moore, EI4BZ. Arup Cup Exceptional service to the Society or to Amateur Radio Winner: Pat Whitty, EI8IQ. Sheila Piper Cup Service to the IRTS News Service Winner: Joe Ryan, EI7GY. A full list of award winners is available on the IRTS website.

EI13CLAN Challenge

The EI3CLAN Challenge is designed to promote club activity on the bands. Whilst this is not a contest a full list of the rules and regulations are available on the IRTS website. The award for the winning club will be presented with an Icom 756PRO complete with matching PSU and Desk mike which has been generously donated to the Society.

IRTS CW Field Day

This year the IRTS CW Field Day will take place on Saturday and Sunday June 1st/2nd. The deadline for the submission of logs is June 16th 2013.

Youngsters On The Air Estonia 2013

During the summer of 2013, a youth radio camp "Youngsters On The Air" will be held near Tartu, Estonia from 5-12 August. There will be 10 teams participating from different European member associations of IARU R1. The camp is organised by the Estonian Radio Amateurs Union. During this week teams of young radio amateurs from 10 different European countries will be participating in different activities: presentations, Contests, visiting radio stations, observatory, etc. Young operators or SWL's aged between 14-25, are being sought to represent Ireland. It has been confirmed that the European Union Youth In Action Programme have provided 70% funding towards participants flights and accommodation, and further details are available from Ger McNamara, IRTS Youth Co-ordinator on 087 2532512 or by email to ei4gxb/at/gmail/ dot/ com

As two previous events in Romania and Belgium/Netherlands have shown, it will be a great experience for the young hams which they will never forget.

Radio Society of Great Britain

2013 marks the Centenary of the Radio Society of Great Britain (RSGB) the 20,000 strong body that represents Britain's radio amateurs. The RSGB is pleased to announce that its Patron, HRH The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, KG, KT will be joining the Society for Centenary Day at the National Radio Centre at Bletchley Park on 5 July 2013.

DX News

A group of Dutch amateurs have been going on an expedition to Malta for the past 25 years. This year they have been issued with a special callsign to celebrate the 25th anniversary. The callsign is 9H25Y and will be heard on all bands 80 – 6m from 20 May until 4 June. QSL Manager is PI4KGL.

Henning OZ1BII will be active again from Greenland as XP2I. He will be there from 23-27 May and will take part in the CQWW CW Contest over the weekend 25-26 May. QSLs go via the home call.

Dave W5CW makes a return visit to the Turks and Caicos Islands from 16 May until 11 June. As before he will operate as VP5/W5CW.

Jim G3VDB is reactivating his 8Q7EJ callsign from the Maldives from now until 26 May. He will operate 'holiday style' mainly on 20m CW. QSL to his home call.

Items for inclusion in next week's Radio News can be submitted via e-mail to "newsteam /at/ irts / dot / ie" for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Urgent news items for the radio news maybe telephoned to the radio news editor, Aidan, EI7JC on 085 7100511.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin.

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